

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

(Please Note: Alderman Carl Brown will chair the meeting as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Wells-Armstrong)

MAYOR PRO TEM:

I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Pastor Mario Flores from Community Cup Church of the Nazarene and go on to the pledge of allegiance by Ashley Marin and Mrs. Cynthia Veronda of the Kennedy Middle Grade School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CHRIS BOHLEN:

Good Evening Mayor Pro Tem Brown, Alderman, and Administration officials. I vowed to a year and a half ago that I would never be back here and I am back here for the same reasons as last time. I am here because I am extremely worried about security and safety of the children in this community. I am a member of the school board but I am not her on behalf of the school board member I am here just for me. Four weeks ago, a school bus pulled up on South Lincoln Avenue to stop and drop kids off like every other day. This was a different day because there were shots being fired on South Lincoln Avenue. If you listen to the tape of the school bus driver, you will hear the people shooting saying get that...bus out of the way so they can keep on shooting. It's dramatic and disgusting. If that had been the first time that happened, I guess we would say we need to start doing something about it. I go to court and Jim Rowe has picked up the baton, not the City but Jim Rowe. He has to use a statue that has been declared unconstitutional so he having lots of trouble getting this job done. When I go to court, I find out that this house has been shot at and has 17 confirmed calls for shooting in the last 18 months. Council and Chief Kosman, this City has a Chronic Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. We adopted it in August of 1996. We used it...and we never lost in court...because it was such an effective law and we could use it. We eliminated people from a neighborhood who were causing unsafe conditions to exist by either drug dealing or by shooting. We eliminated owners, children of owners, and we eliminated renters. The Police Department

was very efficient about sending out Nuisance Abatement Letters and meeting with Landlords or homeowners to say what do we have to do to make sure this doesn't happen? Well it got worse folks. A week ago, Friday, there were shots fired in front of LCC. The word I got back through the Superintendent that there was no proof that shots were fired. Well, tell that to the 1st & 2nd graders, who are traumatized and need counseling because they saw it happen. Tell it to the staff members at LCC that were traumatized and saw it happen...but that happened in front of LCC. This has got to stop and we can't stop it by ourselves, you can't stop it but there are tools you can use to ratchet it down and that is what the Chronic Nuisance Abatement Ordinance is. I'm told when the Mayor was asked about this, she did not know anything about this Ordinance. If that's the case...this Ordinance has not been used since May 1st, 2017. You can't tell me that there weren't houses we gone to that the Police Department hasn't gone back to three times and that qualifies under the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance; when there are illegal drugs being sold or shots being fired. I can't do anything about it, I am no longer the City Attorney but I can complain as a citizen, as a resident, about kids put in a position where they are going to get shot. We have not seen the community police reaction...there has been no neighborhood meetings, there has been no contact that we normally would have had from 1996 on. I don't know what's happening, it's not Jim Rowe's job to do it and he can't do it I believe because the...has been declared unconstitutional but our Ordinance has it and it is still good law. It's been effective for the last 20 years until May 1st of 2017. I was here the last time because I didn't want to see kids get hurt on a pile of rebel that took 13 months to clean. I am here now and you as Alderman are the only people that can put pressure on the Administration to say we want you to use the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. We want the people on South Lincoln Avenue removed from their home if they won't cooperate otherwise. You are the ones that have to say it. If you don't say it, you are complicit in allowing...the quality of life in this community to go down. No River Front Project ever going to cure that. I'm begging you...I am begging Corporation Council. I'm begging the Police Department, I'm begging the City to take-action. Help us keep children safe.

TIM NEHLS: I am here for a follow up on the River Stone Parkway drainage issue.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
ABSENT: Swanson, Malone Marshall
(12) Present (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Ellexson, Brewer-Watson. Thank you.

MINUTES

MAYOR PRO TEM: Moving on to the City Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 7th, 2019. May I have a motion to approve the minutes?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any additions or corrections? Hearing none...All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Opposed? Minutes are approved. There are no Petitions on the agenda. Moving on to Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A: Riverview Historic District is requesting Street Closure to host their "Halloween Street Closure" on Thursday, October 31st, 2019 from 4:45 P. M. until 7:00 P. M.

ITEM 8B: Kankakee County Renewed Opportunity is requesting permission to host their "Tag Day" on Friday, October 25th, 2019, with a rain date on, November 1st, 2019.

MAYOR PRO TEM: If there are no objections, I would like to combine Items 8A

and 8B. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD O'BRIEN:

So move.

ALD TETTER:

Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. All in favor?

COUNCIL:

Aye.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Motion Carries. Moving on to Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A:

Joint Budget and Ordinance – Alderman O'Brien
The meeting was held September 10th, 2019.
Highlights include: both meetings were to primarily discuss Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis sales in the City of Kankakee. On the budget side of things, the consensus among the Alderman about the need to direct where the revenue from such sales will go that would be included in the ordinance and the regulations of the Ordinance. The Ordinance Committee will be discussing what the potential source is tomorrow or where the money will go.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Alderman Tall, do you have anything to add?

ALD TALL:

I have nothing to add.

ITEM 9B:

Joint Budget and Ordinance – Alderman O'Brien
The meeting was held September 24th, 2019.
Nothing more to add.

ITEM 9C:

Public Safety – Alderman Osenga
The meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019.
On the Fire Side, highlights include: Over \$56,000.00 in bills which is very large but most of that was due to vehicle maintenance. A new program called Ground Emergency Medical Transport. When we help a Medicaid resident the City only gets reimbursed about 15 percent of the fee. This new program will allow us to capture up to 50 percent. We did have to expedite this due to the deadline of November 1st, 2019. Chief Schuldt wants to hire a consultant to help generate the paperwork needed to complete this. On the Police Side: We reviewed the standard bills and Part 1 & 2

Statistics. We discussed the 2018/2019 Byrne Assistance Grant known as the JAGS Grant. We have had this grant for 20 years; we always split it with the County Sheriffs Police... we get 51 to 49 percent and we will keep the same. We also discussed a new program called Safe Passage Agreement, with Family Guidance Centers. If someone has a drug issue and looking for help, we have agreed if time allows the department we will transport these people to Manteno where this program is. All committee members felt this was a good thing to do.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

MAYOR PRO TEM: Thank you. Any questions? Moving on to the Report of Officers. May I have a motion to approve the Bills?

ALD FAFORD: I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$2,063,742.06.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall (abstain on check #75587), Prude
NAYS: Tall and Crawford (*both said No*)
ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall
(10) Ayes (2) Nays (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion Carries. Moving on to Community Development Agency Bills. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion made by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any discussion?

ALD CURTIS: On the Heritage Executive, is that one month or is that, security deposit, what's the breakdown of that?

BARBI WATSON-BREWER: 4 months of rent...for the rest of the year.

ALD CURTIS: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
NAYS: Tall and Crawford (*both said No*)
ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall
(10) Ayes (2) Nays (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Thank you. We have no Unfinished Business.
Moving on to Item 12A New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A: Recommendation to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of HealthCare and Family Services and the City of Kankakee Fire Department for Enhanced Rates for Ambulance Services.

CHIEF SCHULDT: This is a new program in the State of Illinois... that allow us to recoup more revenue back from the Federal Government for Medicaid calls. (GEMT) stands for Ground Emergency Medical Transport. We have several forms and cost analysis to put into this program. We will look at our total cost and what we will get back is going to be based on that. The biggest question is how much money will this bring us back? We are unsure at this time because we do not have all the cost estimates in. I did ask the company to do some averages for me. They took a sample for one year, this is the lowest one...our average bill for a resident was \$635.00 of that we receive about \$92.00 back which is about 15 percent. Under this program, we are still going to receive that and based on our expenses we will recoup more money...up to 50 percent of that...base on my projections if we get half of that back it could be over \$300,000.00...the next item on the agenda is the fee for the consulting agency if you approve that...the cost could be up or down. The consultant actually projected that higher but I prefer to be on the low side. This Intergovernmental Agreement needs to be approved by November 1st, 2019.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Any questions? May I have a motion to approve the recommendation.

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any questions?

ALD CRAWFORD: This program sounds...how long have we known about this?

CHIEF SCHULDT: Since September 23rd, 2019...I knew they were working on it but there was never anything stating it was approved. I think they were working on the political side of it to get it passed. I hadn't heard anything for quite a while then I got the email September 23rd.

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you.

ALD CURTIS: Is there an upfront cost to this or do they pull their fee out a they collect.

CHIEF SCHULDT: I believe they give us the money and we have to return a portion to the state-Illinois Department of Health and Human Services. It is my understanding that it will be ran through them and CMS as well. I kept Elizabeth in the loop too.

ALD TALL: I was just wondering...(inaudible)... committees?

MAYOR PRO TEM: It did go to committee...

ALD TALL: Which committee did it go to?

MAYOR PRO TEM: Public Safety.

ALD TALL: Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Any other questions? Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B.

ITEM 12B: Recommendation to approve Master Services Agreement between the City of Kankakee and R1 RCM Inc., for Ground Emergency Medical Transport Reimbursement Program Consulting Services.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Also discussed with the committee. May I have a motion to approve the recommendation?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any questions? Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Absent

CHIEF SCHULDT: Just so everybody knows, the association projected state wide predicts this can bring as much as \$200 million to the state. I am not sure how they come up with that number. Thank you for the consultant, I don't have the staff and Elizabeth's time is short as well and that's why I really want to go with the consultant. It's like doing your taxes...plus this company will go with us if any audits need to be done every 3 to 5 years. I want to thank my staff for being very instrumental and Elizabeth as well.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Thank you. Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12C.

ITEM 12C: Recommendation to accept Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services Agreement from Piggush Engineering, INC, the amount of \$8,434.09 for the Drainage and Pavement improvement Project Located in the Alley between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

NEIL PIGGUSH: This is in Relation to a project that crept up as of late. Mr. Brady contacted me back in July about a drainage issue in his alley. I met him on site and at that point we were bidding out for street maintenance at that time of year but we looked at possible solutions. It wasn't that clear what the solution would be back there. I told him that we would probably do some sort of a set of plans and it will probably be MFT funded. It wouldn't be maintenance activity since

we will be changing drainage. Probably installing drainage structure out there next year. He seemed fine with us do it next year. Since then the drainage has gotten worse or more frequent. He's having problems opening his business because of it. This proposal is to address his issues. Construction at this point will be weather dependent. Concrete instead of asphalt may be a way around that but I still am not what the solution is going to be back there. This is just for the preliminary plans. I would like to amend our agreement, I noticed that they have I, J, and K checked. Those are related to construction services and there are no construction services as a part of this agreement, we will come back with another agreement if the Council decided to move forward with the project this year. The amounts will stay the same. Boxes I, J, and K on page 2 of the agreement were inadvertently checked.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Swanson is not here but she is in favor of this project...

ALD FAFORD:

This has been a problem for 30 years. The drainage put in back there for that building has filled up, caved in, or something. Whenever it rains, the water sits back in that alley. If it rains its hard, it goes into the garage. In the winter it freezes we have an ice pond you can skate on at the end of the alley. This has been an ongoing problem for years.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

May I have a motion to accept the preliminary construction engineering services agreement?

ALD FAFORD:

So move.

ALD TALL:

Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Motioned by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any questions?

ALD CRAWFORD:

Is this coming out of Motor Fuel Taxes?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Yes.

ALD CRAWFORD:

Thank you

ALD TALL:

Why wouldn't this come out of ESU streets and alleyways? We can divert and go ...it has more money than our Motor Fuel...

NEIL PIGGUSH: That's why we are just doing the design out of MFT, we don't know what the solution is. If it involves sewers then we will break that cost out...I don't know if it will work with our proposed alley grades we may have to lower the alley so I don't want to assume that the sewer is the solution but if it is we will break those costs out and have those discussions.

MAYOR PRO TEM: This is just the Engineering Agreement this is not the work.

ALD TALL: Even if it's engineering, it can come out of ESU if it has something to do with streets and alleys.

NEIL PIGGUSH: If we want to break out that portion later on and ESU reimburse the City maybe that is something we can look at. I don't know what the solution is yet. It's very flat.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Any other questions? Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Prude
ABSTAIN: Gall
ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall
(11) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion carries. We have no Appointments. Moving on to Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Resolution authorizing the Execution of the Safe Passage Agreement by and between Family Guidance Centers., and the City of Kankakee.

CHIEF KOSMAN: The Safe Passage Agreement will be between the City of Kankakee and the Family Guidance Center that runs the facility in Manteno which covers an inpatient treatment center for drug and also alcohol abuse. It's a first step in a deflection type of program. Officers can offer to people and people can come to the police station who are addicted and are open to getting help. The big thing that is different about this is the Family Guidance Center is a group ran from the Federal Government providing this 28-day treatment program for free. No insurance or cost factors in

this program. We will start putting the word out on the street addressing the opiates crisis.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

May I have a motion to approve the resolution?

ALD OSENGA:

So move.

ALD CRAWFORD:

Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any questions?

ALD O'BRIEN:

Chief, someone would come to the department and would physically transfer them there...Is that how that would work?

CHIEF KOSMAN:

We would try to get transportation for them, make arrangements, or call the Family Guidance Center to come and get them. The goal would be to get them there.

ALD O'BRIEN:

We would refer them there and get them there somehow...

CHIEF KOSMAN:

Yes.

ALD O'BRIEN:

Do we have any since of how many people in other communities our size might take advantage of this or is it unknown at this point?

CHIEF KOSMAN:

I don't have exact numbers or anything I know it is used in Will County, Mokena, Lemont and other towns that use this program...Joliet too.

ALD O'BRIEN:

We will be able to see within a year or two years how many people are taking advantage of this.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

Yes, and there is no cost.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

There will be some cost associated with transporting...Let's not fool ourselves...the overall...is worth it because we will get that person some help and maybe...Any other questions? There is a motion and a second. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude

ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall

(12) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion Carries. Moving on to Item 13B.

ITEM 13B: Resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for the Alley between Seventh and Eighth Avenue.

NEIL PIGGUSH: This is just the resulting resolution authorizing MFT for the improvement for the previously approved Engineering Agreement.

MAYOR PRO TEM: May I have a motion to approve the resolution?

ALD FAFORD: So move

ALD TALL: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motioned by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any questions? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Prude
ABSTAIN: Gall
ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall
(11) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion Carries. Moving on to Item 13C

ITEM 13C: Resolution authorizing the Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Kankakee, Illinois and the County of Kankakee, Illinois 2018 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

MAYOR PRO TEM: May I have a motion to approve the resolution?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any questions?

ALD CURTIS: I see the mount is \$16,220.00 for 2018 to 2022. Is that an annual number or is that over a 4-year period?

CHIEF KOSMAN: That's an annual number...

ALD CURTIS: So, \$16,000.00 for consecutive years

CHIEF KOSMAN: No, it's for 1 year and you can use the money over the 4 years. You have 4 years to use the \$16,000.00.

ALD CURTIS: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM: This grant has been held up...I think we get...

ALD OSENGA: No, we get half of that.

MAYOR PRO TEM: It's a 2018/2019 grant...2-year grant...I know that.

CHIEF KOSMAN: There are 2 grants. One year for 2018 and one for 2019. The federal government was holding the funds and released them recently. Each grant you can use the money for 4 years.

ALD CURTIS: Basically at 2 years we will get \$16,000.00?

CHIEF KOSMAN: Yes.

ALD TETTER: Looking at Section 2 where it says the County agrees to use \$7, 947.00 for the replacement of current...alerts notifications system to be done by 2022. In Section 1, it says the City agrees to pay that same dollar amount. So, my question is, all of this we are agreeing to I would imagine that those improvements would be as it relates to the Sherriff's Alert Notification System in the City of Kankakee, Correct?

MAYOR PRO TEM: That's correct. Any other questions? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall Prude
ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion Carries. Moving on to Item 13D

ITEM 13D: Resolution authorizing the Inter-local Agreement between the City of Kankakee, Illinois and the County of Kankakee, Illinois 2019 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion to approve the resolution.

ALD OSENGA: So move Mayor.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any questions? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
ABSENT: Swanson and Malone Marshall
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Absent

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motion Carries. Moving on to Alderman Comments.

ALDERMEN& ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

ALD OSENGA: Gas prices in our City are more expensive than other communities by .30 cents a gallon. When our residents go to other Cities to get gas it hurts our MFT. We need to see if we can do anything about it.

ALD CURTIS: I want to go back to what Bohlen's comment. Are we actively involved with this house on Lincoln or is it only the State's Attorney at this point, I'm hearing the differences with the Ordinances and the States Attorney...Is there a way we can get involved and use our Ordinance? Thursday, it was delayed again. Are we involved assisting the State's Attorney or are we not?

MIKE MCGRATH: We can be involved. Are we involved? I will have to check with others in my office that do prosecution and go through the local court with those matters. I honestly don't know.

MAYOR PRO TEM: I think we are involved because I think they are using our data to do that...Willie, are we involved making sure they get everything?

DEPUTY CHIEF HUNT: Yes.

ALD CURTIS: Do we have to reach out to Jim row and ask

MAYOR PRO TEM: We have...

ALD CURTIS: We have?

MAYOR PRO TEM: We have...to my understanding he is acting on our behalf.

ALD CURTIS: Not using our City Ordinance but using the State Ordinance, correct?

MIKE MCGRATH: How do we get involved...with our legal team...

MAYOR PRO TEM: You just tell our legal team to get involve.

ALD CURTIS: Is that something we can follow up on relatively quickly?

MIKE MCGRATH: Yes.

ALD COBBS: I just want to say, that the 6th Ward did benefit in the past with the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. I am hoping we can work this out and get it done expeditiously as possible. I am also aware, being a member of Public Safety that it has been a thorn in the side. I have discussed it with our Chief and Deputy Chief...somehow someway we need to get it done. There are kids that walk that way every day and I am also aware of residents that moved from that neighborhood because of that. If we are interested in Public Safety in our Community we need to get together and get this done. I would hate for this to be a political football. I also want to thank Chief Kosman for stopping by the Riverview Neighborhood Organization, sharing his time and taking his time away from his family. They wanted me to tell him thank you personally.

ALD TETTER: I want to acknowledge the repair made by ESU regarding the traffic control device at Maple and Nelson. We appreciate that. Two accidents happened there, we contacted your office and you kept us informed. Everything is up and running and I want to thank you for your prompt service on that.

ALD TALL: I have a simple request. There are a couple of dead trees causing danger to some of our residents. One is in the 600 block of the public easement at Parkway. The other is on the 500 block of North Illinois Street. The tree is on a vacant property and its falling on the person's home.

MAYOR PRO TEM: I have communicated with the 500 block of North Illinois.

ALD TALL:

The reason I bring that up is because we have gone south of town to take care of issues that cost the City of Kankakee and those people are not annexed into the City of Kankakee, they pay no taxes to the City of Kankakee and I cannot stand by idly and see our own residents who pay taxes every year and not get the services that they need. This is about the 5th or 6th time this has been brought to the floor. My recommendation is that we go out look at these things and take care of the problem before we have some incidents that would cause our citizens some harm.

ALD O'BRIEN:

I want to echo the call for action on the property at 400 South Lincoln. This is probably the single largest issues that we have dealt with over the last 4-5 years, especially recently. We have had a number of community gatherings to address that but it seems as if it has not had the intended effect or desire to ultimately remove the residents from the property. It is overdue to take the action and use the tools we have to achieve the desired result.

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Thank you. Just for your information, they have a meeting this week or this past week I was out of town. When they have the next meeting, I will be a part of that. We know how important it has been regarding this address. We will work on that.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

PETE SCHIEL:

Just a quick update, 45/52 that project is complete. They are going to do an inverted swale to divert some of that water. Also, take note that no funds from the City of Kankakee went to clearing that property...it was the property owner.

BARBI BREWER-WATSON:

We have about 3 weeks left on our housing...out there. We have about 200 that have been returned...please keep sharing electronically. If you have a neighborhood meeting or any kind of community group that you are involved in that maybe our team could come and take 5 minutes to let them know about the surveys...this helps with all of our federal funding, housing and land acquisitions...the Economic Development Committee will be meeting Wednesday...in the Committee room. On November 13th from 3:00 P. M. -5:00 P.M. we will do an open house. I want to thank you for sending your residents...

ALD O'BRIEN: Barbi, is the meeting in the joint training room?

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: Yes, it is in the joint training room, I forgot we decided that. Thank you.

CHIEF KOSMAN: I have a couple things. Since 2009, the Police Department has been CALEA accredited...starting earlier today we are going through the reaccreditation assessment...for recommendation. Part of the process is taking comments from the public. Tomorrow Public comments are welcomed at 7:00 P.M. if you can't make it there is a phone in session between 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. call (815) 936-7315. The police and Fire Departments are having a "Trunk or Treat" on Wednesday October 30th at our facility from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR PRO TEM: May I have a motion to adjourn?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD O'BRIEN: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Motioned by Alderman Osenga. Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. All in favor aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.